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REPLY TO ACTION OF FEBRUARY 2, 2006

Claims 1-14, 16, 17 and 19-29 are pending with claims 1-3, 7, 11 and 19-22 being independent.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 16, 19-23 and 25-29.

Claims 2, 5, 11-14, 17 and 24 have been rejected under section 112, first paragraph, due to an alleged failure of the specification to describe "simultaneously applying a common signal voltage to a plurality of pixel electrodes of a plurality of pixels connected to a signal line," as recited in claim 2, or "a second means for simultaneously applying the common signal voltage to pixel electrodes of the detected pixels," as recited in claim 11.

As discussed briefly in a telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned earlier today, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because the specification does provide support for these aspects of the claims. In particular, the Examiner is asked to consider the discussion in the application at page 7, line 24 to page 8, line 2; page 19, line 22 to page 21, line 12; page 23, lines 1-12; page 24, line 16 to page 25, line 14; and Figs. 5 and 6.

For example, at page 19, line 22 to page 20, line 2, the application, with reference to Fig. 5, describes a second means for applying a potential of a signal voltage to pixel electrodes of a plurality of pixels as including an X address decoder 204, video signal output means 205, a first Y address decoder 206, a second Y address decoder 208, a first level shifter 207, and a second level shifter 209. Later, at page 24, line 23 to page 25, line 14, and with reference to Fig. 6, the